

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Friends,

Much of the news from this week's Council meeting came on the 3-2 approval of Bill Duncan to one of the state's seven Board of Education volunteer positions, after advocates for alternative education models and opponents of Common Core raised concerns about his nomination.

I voted in favor of confirmation because I believe we need a strong advocate for strengthening our public school system on the Board; because I think his background as a successful businessman and veteran gives him a valuable perspective; and because after speaking with him it was clear to me that he embraces Charter schools where executed in cooperation with the local school district (though, not as a replacement).

Wednesday's Governor & Council meeting also approved a number of regional issues and several with statewide impact:

IN CENTRAL NH: Extended a paperwork deadline for a previous grant to Rustic Crust in Pittsfield, in the wake of a devastating fire; rehab & drainage improvements at the Gallen State Office Park in Concord; primary care contracts for low-income citizens in need of aid; various wastewater projects; and \$1.7 mm in taxiway improvements at Concord airport (\$1.61 mm funded by a federal grant).

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: A \$500,000 grant to help Samson Manufacturing Corporation expand; completion of Phase 2 of the Silver Lake Watershed Management Plan; and purchase of new servers for the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office Regional Dispatch Center.

IN STRAFFORD CO: A new lease for the Strafford Co. Superior & Circuit Courts on County Farm Rd in Dover; primary care contracts for low-income citizens in need of aid; \$13,000 in grant funds each to protect public drinking water systems in Rochester and Rollinsford; and a contract for resurfacing the Lee traffic circle.

STATEWIDE: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: A new full-time attorney in the Justice Department working on drug-related activities; and a systems management company for the recently-passed Medicaid Expansion and an information & education campaign to support it.

APPOINTMENTS: See below

The next meeting is on Wednesday May 21. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL AGENDA

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#2](#) Authorized to **retroactively** amend a grant agreement with the Town of Pittsfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-6-12, item #2, in the amount of \$500,000), to allow for job preservation and rebuilding due to a March 6, 2014 fire at the Rustic Crust Pizza facility, by extending the completion date to December 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#18](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works and Construction to enter into a contract with Advanced Excavating & Paving Inc., Suncook, NH, for Phase III Rehab & Drainage Improvements, Hugh Gallen State Office Park South, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$685,700. (2) Further Authorized the amount of \$15,000 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, Capital Clerk for oversight and engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$700,700. Effective upon G&C approval through October 1, 2014. **100% Capital – General Funds**

[#34A](#) Authorized to amend agreements with 13 vendors as detailed in letter dated March 28, 2014, (12 agreements were originally approved by G&C on 6-20-12, items 125,126,127,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,136, and 1 originally approved by G&C on 7-11-12, item #31), to provide primary care services, by increasing the price by \$4,293,569 from \$5,173,800 to \$9,467,369. This amount includes a request to **retroactively** enter into **sole source** amendments in an amount of \$648,347, effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and to exercise a one year renewal option with the same 13 vendors in an amount of \$3,645,222, extending the completion date from June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **13% Federal, 87% General Funds.**

[#63](#) Authorized to award grant aid funds to the entities as detailed in letter dated April 9, 2014, in the aggregate amount of \$1,885,166 for wastewater facility projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

[#102](#) Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide funding to the City of Concord, NH, for SBG-04-10-2013, for Phases II & III, to install, construct, mark and light and sign parallel taxiway "B" and associated stub taxiways at the Concord Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$1,701,555.55. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2018. **94.74% Federal, 5.26% General Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#4](#) Authorized to award a grant to the City of Keene, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to Monadnock Economic Development Corporation to expand the manufacturing facility leased by Samson Manufacturing Corporation. Effective May 8, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#70](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Silver Lake Land Trust, Harrisville, NH, to complete the Silver Lake Watershed Management Plan Implementation Phase 2: Soak Up

the Rain Silver Lake Project, in the amount of \$10,350. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#85](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Cheshire, to purchase and install two servers for the Sheriff's Office Regional Dispatch Center and provide system management for Information Technology personnel for a total amount of \$23,264. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#13](#) Authorized confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel John W. Pogorek, Strafford, NH, for promotion to the rank of Colonel, NH Air National Guard.

[#16](#) Authorized the Bureau of Court Facilities to enter into a lease agreement with Strafford County, Dover, NH, for courtroom and office space for the Strafford County Superior Court & 7th Circuit – Probate Division Courthouse, comprised of approximately 36,652 square feet located on the 1st & 2nd Floor of 259 County Farm Road, Dover, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$2,047,240.92. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. **100% Transfer Funds (transfer from AOC, Rent from Other Agencies).**

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[#65](#) Authorized to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Rochester, NH, in the amount of \$12,677.56 to complete a project to protect public drinking water systems. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#68](#) Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the Rollinsford Water & Sewer District, Rollinsford, NH, in the amount of \$13,250 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#99](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with SUR Construction Inc., Rochester, NH, for resurfacing the existing Lee traffic circle to a two-lane roundabout located at the intersection of US Route 4 and NH Route 125, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,794,544. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$139,727.20 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 25, 2015. **100% Federal Funds**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[#25](#) Authorized to create one new full-time temporary Attorney II, labor grade 28, within class 059 for the purpose of statewide investigations and prosecutions of drug related activities. (2) Further Authorized to accept and expend \$119,820 of Federal Forfeitures for the purpose of supporting the full time Attorney II positions responsible for the statewide investigations and prosecutions of drug related activities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Forfeitures. Fiscal Committee approved.**

[#31A](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Health Management Systems Inc., New York, NY, to manage the NH mandatory Health Insurance Premium Payment program under the NH Health Protection Act in an amount not to exceed \$13,303,980. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2016. **50% General, 50% Federal Funds.**

[#31B](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Louis Karno & Company LLC, Concord, NH, to provide professional services to assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive information and education plan to support knowledge and compliance with the NH Health Protection Program, in an amount not to exceed \$913,550. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2015. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Appellate Board

Susan Ender, Rye, NH

Department of Cultural Resources Director of the Division of the Arts

Virginia Lupi, Corning, NY

Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services

Thomas S. Burack, Hopkinton, NH*

Department of Environmental Services Director of the Water Division

Eugene J. Forbes, Burlington, VT

Executive Branch Ethics Committee

Alan W. Johnson, Penacook, NH*

Family Mediator Certification Board

I. Terry Sturke, Concord, NH*

Higher Education Commission

Thomas C. Gilligan, New London, NH

Housing Finance Authority

Steven W. Ensign, New London, NH

Stephanye Schuyler, Portsmouth, NH

Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission

George M. Bald, Somersworth, NH*

George C. Cummings, Webster, NH*

Board of Nursing

Roberta A. Petrin, Rochester, NH*

Personnel Appeals Board

J. Joseph McKittrick (r), Rye, NH
Norman J. Patenaude (d), Portsmouth, NH
Charla B. Stevens (d), Bedford, NH

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee

Sarah N. Pletcher, Hanover, NH

Waste Management Council

Rudy Bazelmans, Nashua, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Compensation Appeals Board

Hamilton R. Krans, Dover, NH*

Christopher T. Regan, Durham, NH*

State Board of Education

William A. Duncan, New Castle, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Board

John H. Cooley, Center Sandwich, NH

Richard D. Smith, Hancock, NH*

Passenger Tramway Safety Board

Mark Petrozzi, Gilford, NH

Pesticides Control Board

Susan Whittemore, Keene, NH*

Department of Transportation, Director of Finance

Marie A. Mullen, Bow, NH

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors

Julie P. Kennedy, New Castle, NH

Water Council

Christopher M. Rawnsley, Antrim, NH

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